

Collective Worship Newsletter - Autumn Term



Welcome!

Working in a church school is very special and deeply rewarding, and we are immensely proud of our links with the Chelmsford Diocese.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we are excited to build on last year's successes by continuing to deliver engaging learning opportunities that foster critical thinking, courage, collaboration, challenge, and creativity.

One of the greatest joys of teaching RE is seeing children engage thoughtfully with concepts of belonging, justice, kindness, forgiveness, hope, and community. Their willingness to ask insightful questions, listen to different perspectives, and reflect on their own values continues to inspire us. These essential qualities extend far beyond the classroom, helping to shape our pupils into thoughtful, respectful members of society.

Throughout the coming year, we will celebrate a variety of religious festivals and special events, offering pupils meaningful opportunities to learn about the rich diversity within our local and global communities. We remain incredibly grateful to the visitors and members of our faith community who enrich our curriculum by generously sharing their knowledge, traditions, and personal stories. You can find out what we have been up to through Class Dojo, the weekly newsletter and of course, these special termly Collective Worship newsletters.

Miss Bailey

Dates For Your Diary

The Year 6 Christingle Service will be held at 5pm on Monday 14th December at The Parish Church of St Margaret in Downham.

Our whole-school Easter Service is taking place at Chelmsford Cathedral on Wednesday 17th March 2027.

Family Service

Family service is held at The Parish Church of St Margaret, Castledon Road, Downham, CM11 1LG on the first Sunday of every month at 11am. You will be very welcome!



Contact

For any questions or feedback about Collective Worship or life in a Church School, please contact Miss Bailey. For RE-related questions, please see Miss Boyd.

Worship Group

Worship Group meet with Miss Bailey every Friday (12.30pm for KS1 and 12.55pm for KS2). We will be focusing on justice and responsibility. Please come along!

A Prayer For The New Academic Year

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the fresh start of a brand new school year. Bless our school, our pupils, teachers, staff, and families as we gather together in your love and grace.

Guide our feet as we step into new classrooms, open our minds to fresh discoveries, and fill our hearts with kindness, patience, and joy. Help us to support and encourage one another every day, building a welcoming community rooted in faith.

Lord, grant us the courage to dream big, work hard, and persevere through every challenge. Lift us up on wings of hope and trust, so that together we may soar to new heights in our learning, our friendships, and our walk with you.

Keep our school safe, peaceful, and filled with your light.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.



Congratulations!



On Saturday 15 August, the Revd Jacqui, Priest in Charge of the five Reservoir Group Churches, married the Revd David Cattle, Vicar of Galleywood in Chelmsford Cathedral. We wish them well in their future married life together.



VISITING CLERGY

Every Monday, we are delighted to welcome a visitor in to lead Collective Worship. This is always a highlight of the week! Here is the schedule:

7TH SEPT: MISS BOYD
14TH SEPT: KATIE GOWLAND
21ST SEPT: REVD JACQUI
28TH SEPT: DR WILDER
5TH OCT: JAMES GREEN
12TH OCT: REVD CERSON
19TH OCT: SUE HORSPOLE
9TH NOV: JAMES GREEN
16TH NOV: REVD JACQUI
23RD NOV: REVD CERSON
30TH NOV: SUE HORSPOLE
7TH DEC: KATIE GOWLAND
14TH DEC: DR WILDER

Our Favourite Songs/Hymns

Waves of Mercy Slingshots
My Lighthouse Speak Your Name
All Through History
How Great Is Our God
Our God Is A Great Big God
Everywhere Around Us

